

## THE CLAIMS

*The claims of the application, as amended, read:*

1. (Currently Amended) A The combination of a book and a device for facilitating the reading thereof of a book by holding the its pages of said book in an open position, said device including an elongate member (100) for spanning the cover of said an open book (B) in open position, and two end-pieces (101, 102) which include finger portions (30) directed inwardly towards each other at opposite ends of the elongate member, wherein each of said end-pieces (101, 102) is provided with spring means (203) for urging the respective finger portion towards the elongate member to grip said the pages, and a support leg (40) projecting from the elongate member (100) to angularly support said the book (B) with the lower edge of said the book resting on a surface and with the support leg (40) extending between the elongate member (100) and said surface, the length of said support leg being shorter than the length of the elongate member (100), in which the elongate member includes a platform (14) which projects at opposite sides of said elongate member (100) to support said the cover of said the book, and said support leg (40) is of elongate shape with one end joined to the elongate member by means of a slider (63) which is slidably engaged with the elongate member (100) for movement longitudinally of the elongate member such that the position of the support leg can be adjusted along the length of the elongate member, and the support leg is rotatably connected to the slider (63) for rotation about an axis (E) which is substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the elongate member (100) and is pivotally connected to the slider (63) such that the support leg is angularly adjustable relative to the platform (14) about an axis (D) which is substantially parallel to the longitudinal direction of the elongate member (100).
2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ The combination according to Claim 1 in which the elongate member (100) includes inner and outer telescopically-engaged elements (107, 108) which carry the respective end pieces (101, 102) whereby the distance between the end-pieces can be adjusted, and the support leg (40) is slidably engaged with the outer telescopically-engaged element (108).

4. – 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ The combination according to Claim 1 in which the support leg (40) comprises a plurality of telescopically-engaged sections (50, 51) whereby the support leg (40) may be telescopically extended.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ The combination according to Claim 1 including a mounting sleeve (80) which is arranged to receive the support leg (40) as a push fit and which is provided with means (81, 82) for releasably attaching the sleeve to a surface.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ The combination according to Claim 1 in which the support leg has an opposite end (51) from the elongate element (100) which is formed of or coated with a friction material.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A device~~ The combination according to Claim 1 in which the end pieces (101, 102) are formed as separate components which have pivotal connections (25, 201) with the elongate member (100).